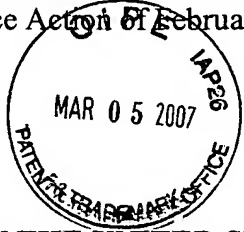


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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

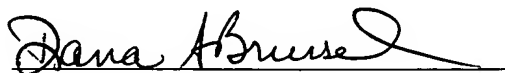
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